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SUBJ: FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1975 FROM
CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND, GENERAL KRIANGSAK
CHAMANAN, TO COMUSMACTHAI. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
BEGIN TEXT:

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE ROYAL THAI GOVERN-
MENT HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETE
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM THAILAND TO BE MARCH
1976; AND NOW THAT THE FINAL INCREMENT OF THE PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED 7500 MAN U.S. FORCE WITHDRAWAL WILL SOON BE
COMPLETED, I WOULD ASK THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WITH-
DRAWAL COMMITTEE LOOK AHEAD TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.
THIS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF PROVIDING THE ROYAL
THAI GOVERNMENT SUFFICIENT LEADTIME TO ADEQUATELY
PREPARE FOR ANY PROBLEMS ATTENDANT TO U.S. BASE
CLOSURE.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, MANY STORIES ABOUND THAT
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THE U.S. FACILITY AT NAKHON PHANOM WILL BE THE

NEXT U.S. BASE TO CLOSE, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY THE
U.S. BASE AT UDRON. FRANKLY, IN ORDER TO PREVENT
THE SPREAD OF RUMOURS, AND TO FACILITATE AN
ORDERLY TAKE-OVER OF BASE OPERATIONS BY THE ROYAL
THAI GOVERNMENT, SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS MUST
BE CONSIDERED BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES.

WOULD YOU PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE
COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE U.S. FORCES, THAILAND
WITHDRAWAL PLAN AT THE NEXT WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE
MEETING? FOR EXAMPLE, MY COMMITTEE IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN REVIEWING YOUR PLANNED SEQUENCE FOR
BASE CLOSURE, INCLUDING THE ANTICIPATED CLOSING
DAYS. THIS INFORMATION IS VITALLY NECESSARY TO
ALLOW THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT SUFFICIENT TIME TO
PREPARE ITS OWN PLANS AND TO CARRY THEM OUT IN AN
ORDERLY FASHION.

I AM PREPARED TO HOST A JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. END TEXT.
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